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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/672,331	<b>Applicant(s)</b> SILVERMAN, ARTHUR	
	<b>Examiner</b> Jerry Redman	<b>Art Unit</b> 3634	

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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**Status**

- 1)  Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 October 2007.
- 2a)  This action is **FINAL**.
- 2b)  This action is non-final.
- 3)  Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4)  Claim(s) 1-6, 10-13, 15, 17-20, 22, 23, 25-27, 29, 30, 32, 33 and 35-41 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6)  Claim(s) 1-6, 10-13, 15, 17-20, 22-23, 25-27, 29-30, 32-33, and 35-41 is/are rejected.
- 7)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9)  The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10)  The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a)  accepted or b)  objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11)  The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12)  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a)  All    b)  Some \* c)  None of:
    - 1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    - 2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    - 3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1)  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2)  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3)  Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4)  Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5)  Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6)  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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Status of the claims is as follows:

Claims 7-9, 14, 16, 21, 24, 28, 31, and 34 have been cancelled; and

Claims 1-6, 10-13, 15, 17-20, 22-23, 25-27, 29-30, 32-33, and 35-41 are herein addressed below.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 10, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 20, 22, 23, 25, 26, 29, 30, 32, and 35-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Menegazzo (6,018,911).

Menegazzo (6,018,911) discloses a window assembly (1) comprising a window frame (2 which includes 2a, 2b, and 2c (both vertical sides)), a window sash (4 which includes 8a, 8b, and 9 (both vertical sides)) constructed to be positioned within the window frame (2 which includes 2a, 2b, and 2c (both vertical sides)) and capable of moving from a closed position to an open-tilted position and vice versa, a pair of parallel pivot pins (15 and 15b) on the window sash (4 which includes 8a, 8b, and 9 (both vertical sides)), a pair of kidney shaped receptacles (17 (top or bottom) and 18) comprising slots therein and disposed within the window frame (2) which accommodates movement of the window sash (4 ) from the closed position to the open-tilted position and vice versa, and channels (16).

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Menegazzo (6,018,911) further discloses the window sash (4) cooperating with the window frame (2) to limit the extent of the open-tilted position (the slots and grooves formed by the channels (see figure 3)). Menegazzo (6,018,911) still further discloses a water dam (Figures 2 or 3, element 2b has a sloped portion and a vertical portion) for limiting water through the window opening and a support means (the engagement between the pins and the sliding groove).

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 3, 12, 18, 27, and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Japanese patent No. 58210289A to Sowa in view of Yanessa ('201). All of the elements of the instant invention are discussed in detail except providing the pivot pins to be retractable. Yanessa ('201) discloses a sliding/pivoting sash having pivot pins, which are retractable. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide Japanese patent No. 58210289A to Sowa with retractable pins as taught by Yanessa ('201) since retractable pivot pins allows the sash to be easily removed and attached to the window frame.


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Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-6, 10-13, 15, 17-20, 22-23, 25-27, 29-30, 32-33, and 35-41 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jerry Redman whose telephone number is 571-272-6835. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 8 to 6.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Glessner, can be reached on 571-272-6843. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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